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Employment increased by nearly 20,000 and personal income and weekly wages reached record high levels in September, according to the monthly economic report of State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro. Unemployment dropped by 2,100 for a 6.4 percent rate but when seasonally adjusted, the rate was 6.9 percent. This compared with 10.1 nationally.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Non-agricultural employment was up by 19,900 to 1,415,700 in September (page 2). Manufacturing jobs increased by 6,600, reflecting the end of summer vacation shutdowns. The reopening of schools was largely responsible for monthly gains in government, transportation and educational services employment in nonmanufacturing which was 13,300 higher than the August level. Trade and other categories also posted increases. Employment was up from August in 15 of the state's 16 labor market areas (pages 5 & 6).

The average weekly pay of factory production workers reached an all-time high of $334.43 and a record $8.34 hourly (page 3) for a 40.1-hour week. This compared with $317.34 weekly and $7.74 per hour in September 1981. Computed for a straight-time, 40-hour week, hourly wages at $8.04 and $321.59 represented a 7.6 percent gain from 1981. Workers in the Ansonia area were paid the highest average weekly wage, $380.70, followed by Bristol, $360.75; Hartford, $359.48; New London-Norwich, $354.48 and Bridgeport, $352 (page 6).

Unemployment: Joblessness dropped by 2,100 to a 1982 low of 103,100 or 6.4 percent in September (page 4). When computed on a seasonally adjusted basis, however, the rate moved up from 6.6 in August to 6.9 which compared with a 10.1 percent national rate. Unemployment declined in nine areas, increased in five and was unchanged in two labor market areas. Included in the unemployment estimate were those persons receiving compensation payments, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and persons entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Elsewhere in the state's economy, the manufacturing output improved and personal income of state residents once again reached a new high (page 7). Actual new filings for unemployment benefits dropped and there were fewer new car registrations.

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(An attached report profiles the Connecticut labor force.)

CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

September 1982

	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1981(R)	% Change Sept.'82 over Aug. '82	% Change Sept.'82 over Sept.'81
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,415,700*	1,395,800*	1,441,300*	+ 1.4	- 1.8
Manufacturing.....	398,800*	392,200*	437,900	+ 1.7	- 8.9
Metallic Manufacturing...	287,500*	281,300*	319,600	+ 2.2	- 10.0
Primary Metals.....	17,000	17,000	19,600	0.0	- 13.3
Fabricated Metals.....	59,000	57,800	65,900	+ 2.1	- 10.5
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	48,200*	48,100*	57,600	+ 0.2	- 16.3
Electrical Equipment....	47,800	48,300	51,600	- 1.0	- 7.4
Transportation Equipment	83,500	78,700	87,700	+ 6.1	- 4.8
Instruments & Clocks....	25,200	24,600	29,800	+ 2.4	- 15.4
Other Metallic Mfg.....	6,800	6,800	7,400	0.0	- 8.1
Nonmetallic Manufacturing	111,300	110,900	118,300	+ 0.4	- 5.9
Food.....	11,800	12,200	12,200	- 3.3	- 3.3
Textiles.....	7,100	7,000	8,200	+ 1.4	- 13.4
Apparel.....	9,500	9,400	11,000	+ 1.1	- 13.6
Furniture & Lumber.....	6,300	6,100	6,400	+ 3.3	- 1.6
Paper.....	9,800	9,700	10,200	+ 1.0	- 3.9
Printing & Publishing...	25,400	25,200	25,300	+ 0.8	+ 0.4
Chemicals.....	18,500	18,500	19,500	0.0	- 5.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	11,100	11,200	12,400	- 0.9	- 10.5
Other Nonmetallic Mfg...	11,800	11,600	13,100	+ 1.7	- 9.9
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,016,900	1,003,600*	1,003,400*	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Construction.....	54,000	53,900*	54,600*	+ 0.2	- 1.1
Transportation.....	31,900	29,500	32,000	+ 8.1	- 0.3
Motor Freight & Warehsg	12,700	12,600	12,600	+ 0.8	+ 0.8
Other Transportation...	19,200	16,900	19,400	+ 13.6	- 1.0
Communications.....	17,600	18,300	18,100	- 3.8	- 2.8
Utilities.....	11,700	11,700	11,500	0.0	+ 1.7
Trade.....	310,100	306,000	303,500	+ 1.3	+ 2.2
Wholesale.....	81,300	81,100	77,800	+ 0.2	+ 4.5
Retail.....	228,800	224,900	225,700	+ 1.7	+ 1.3
General Merchandise...	30,900	29,800	30,500	+ 3.7	+ 1.3
Food Stores.....	41,800	41,400	40,500	+ 1.0	+ 3.2
Auto Dealers & GasSta.	24,300	24,200	24,700	+ 0.4	- 1.6
Restaurants.....	67,900	66,400	65,900	+ 2.3	+ 3.0
Other Retail Trade....	63,900	63,100	64,100	+ 1.3	- 0.3
Finance, Ins. & R.E.....	116,200	117,100	112,200	- 0.8	+ 3.6
Banking.....	28,400	28,800	27,400	- 1.4	+ 3.7
Insurance.....	65,500	65,800	62,700	- 0.5	+ 4.5
Real Estate.....	10,200	10,400	10,100	- 1.9	+ 1.0
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E.	12,100	12,100	12,000	0.0	+ 0.8
Services.....	301,400	301,600	293,500	- 0.1	+ 2.7
Hotels.....	7,100	8,500	6,300	- 16.5	+ 12.7
Personal Services.....	14,500	14,300	14,000	+ 1.4	+ 3.6
Business Services.....	61,700	61,400	59,400	+ 0.5	+ 3.9
Health Services.....	101,800	100,500	100,100	+ 1.3	+ 1.7
Law & Professional.....	20,900	21,100	20,300	- 1.0	+ 3.0
Educational Services...	28,700	25,200	27,100	+ 13.9	+ 5.9
Other Services.....	66,700	70,600	66,300	- 5.5	+ 0.6
Government.....	174,000	165,500	178,000	+ 5.1	- 2.2
Federal.....	21,400	21,700	21,400	- 1.4	0.0
State & Local.....	152,600	143,800	156,600	+ 6.2	- 2.6

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes

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Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1981	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1981	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1981
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$334.43	$331.60	$317.34	40.1	40.0	41.0	$8.34	$8.29	$7.74
Metallic Manufacturing.....	346.58	343.76	328.75	40.3	40.3	41.3	8.60	8.53	7.96
Primary Metals.....	363.86	365.65	372.37	40.7	40.9	43.4	8.94	8.94	8.58
Fabricated Metals.....	318.35	312.40	304.68	40.4	40.0	42.2	7.88	7.81	7.22
Machinery.....	359.45	362.44	350.67	40.8	41.0	42.3	8.81	8.84	8.29
Electrical Equipment.....	275.81	265.39	263.97	39.8	38.8	40.3	6.93	6.84	6.55
Transportation Equipment...	421.70	425.14	384.40	40.2	40.8	40.0	10.49	10.42	9.61
Instruments & Clocks.....	301.95	312.75	307.30	40.1	41.7	42.8	7.53	7.50	7.18
Other Metallic Mfg.....	281.40	276.05	272.95	40.2	39.1	41.8	7.00	7.06	6.53
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	304.92	302.99	288.15	39.6	39.4	40.3	7.70	7.69	7.15
Food.....	316.36	324.28	303.69	40.3	41.1	40.6	7.85	7.89	7.48
Textiles.....	237.07	236.06	238.17	37.1	37.0	40.3	6.39	6.38	5.91
Apparel.....	194.71	192.03	185.64	36.6	36.3	35.7	5.32	5.29	5.20
Lumber & Furniture.....	253.68	253.60	237.96	39.7	40.0	40.4	6.39	6.34	5.89
Paper.....	380.35	364.59	370.30	44.8	43.3	46.0	8.49	8.42	8.05
Printing & Publishing.....	316.83	312.31	295.20	37.1	36.4	36.9	8.54	8.58	8.00
Chemicals.....	377.39	373.01	347.68	41.2	40.9	41.0	9.16	9.12	8.48
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	281.46	276.75	275.98	39.2	39.2	41.5	7.18	7.06	6.65
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....	327.18	331.28	313.32	41.0	41.0	42.0	7.98	8.08	7.46
Construction.....	506.47	500.19	434.88	37.6	37.3	35.5	13.47	13.41	12.25

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	Sept. 1982 Number	Sept. 1982 Ratio to Labor Force	Aug. 1982 Number	Aug. 1982 Ratio to Labor Force	Sept. 1981(R) Number	Sept. 1981(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	103,100	6.4	105,200	6.6	88,500	5.6
Seasonally Adjusted....		(6.9)		(6.6)		(6.2)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	1,700	10.7	1,700	10.5	1,400	8.3
Bridgeport.....	14,800	7.6	14,500	7.4	10,700	5.6
Bristol.....	3,600	10.6	3,400	10.0	2,600	7.5
Danbury.....	5,300	5.6	5,800	6.0	5,000	5.2
Danielson.....	2,600	9.3	2,500	9.1	2,400	8.5
Hartford.....	24,600	6.3	24,500	6.3	20,000	5.2
Meriden.....	2,700	10.0	2,800	10.5	2,100	8.2
Middletown.....	3,100	5.3	3,200	5.6	3,000	5.2
New Britain.....	6,200	8.4	6,700	9.3	4,800	6.5
New Haven.....	12,400	6.2	12,800	6.4	12,000	6.1
New London-Norwich.....	5,200	4.8	5,600	5.2	6,000	5.6
Norwalk.....	2,900	3.7	3,000	3.8	3,000	4.0
Stamford.....	4,300	3.5	4,400	3.5	4,800	3.9
Torrington.....	3,600	9.0	4,000	9.8	2,800	6.8
Waterbury.....	8,900	8.2	8,900	8.1	6,800	6.4
Willimantic.....	1,200	5.1	1,400	5.7	1,100	4.5
U.S. Total-Actual.....	10,695,000	9.7	10,710,000	9.6	7,884,000	7.3
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(10.1)		(9.8)		(7.6)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Sept. '82	Aug. '82	Sept. '81
All Items.....	293.3	292.8	279.3
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.2	+ 5.0

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Sept.'82	Aug.'82	Sept.'81(R)	Percent Change to September'82 from: Aug.'82	Sept.'81
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	7,930	7,770	8,500	+ 2.1	- 6.7
Manufacturing	2,620	2,590	3,080	+ 1.2	- 14.9
Nonmanufacturing	5,310	5,180	5,420	+ 2.5	- 2.0
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	167,860	167,020	171,500	+ 0.5	- 2.1
Manufacturing	61,970	62,450	65,350	- 0.8	- 5.2
Nonmanufacturing	105,890	104,570	106,150	+ 1.3	- 0.2
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,710*	21,540*	23,360	+ 0.8	- 7.1
Manufacturing	7,810	8,170	9,800	- 4.4	- 20.3
Nonmanufacturing	13,900*	13,370*	13,560	+ 4.0	+ 2.5
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	68,720	68,320	69,320	+ 0.6	- 0.9
Manufacturing	24,780	24,620	25,900	+ 0.6	- 4.3
Nonmanufacturing	43,940	43,700	43,420	+ 0.5	+ 1.2
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,080	18,830	19,790	+ 1.3	- 3.6
Manufacturing	8,580	8,550	9,300	+ 0.4	- 7.7
Nonmanufacturing	10,500	10,280	10,490	+ 2.1	+ 0.1
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	397,020*	388,170*	400,480*	+ 2.3	- 0.9
Manufacturing	89,620*	85,840	96,840	+ 4.4	- 7.5
Nonmanufacturing	307,400	302,330*	303,640*	+ 1.7	+ 1.2
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,260	21,180	21,370	+ 0.4	- 0.5
Manufacturing	5,400	5,400	5,460	0.0	- 1.1
Nonmanufacturing	15,860	15,780	15,910	+ 0.5	- 0.3
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	45,540	44,240	46,620	+ 2.9	- 2.3
Manufacturing	14,360	13,670	15,720	+ 5.0	- 8.7
Nonmanufacturing	31,180	30,570	30,900	+ 2.0	+ 0.9
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	59,980*	57,890*	63,350	+ 3.6	- 5.3
Manufacturing	25,120*	24,130*	29,350	+ 4.1	- 14.4
Nonmanufacturing	34,860	33,760	34,000	+ 3.3	+ 2.5
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	189,880*	186,330*	190,700	+ 1.9	- 0.4
Manufacturing	39,450*	38,870*	41,740	+ 1.5	- 5.5
Nonmanufacturing	150,430	147,460*	148,960	+ 2.0	+ 1.0
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	96,410	95,180*	96,840*	+ 1.3	- 0.4
Manufacturing	34,280	33,850	35,290	+ 1.3	- 2.9
Nonmanufacturing	62,130	61,330*	61,550*	+ 1.3	+ 0.9
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	64,850	64,940	64,490	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Manufacturing	20,350	20,300	21,220	+ 0.2	- 4.1
Nonmanufacturing	44,500	44,640	43,270	- 0.3	+ 2.8

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Sept.'82	Aug.'82	Sept.'81(R)	Percent Change to September'82 from: Aug.'82	Sept.'81
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	113,060	111,620	113,460	+ 1.3	- 0.4
Manufacturing	30,730	29,580	31,840	+ 3.9	- 3.5
Nonmanufacturing	82,330	82,040	81,620	+ 0.4	+ 0.9
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,300	28,070	29,560	+ 0.8	- 4.3
Manufacturing	9,570	9,590	10,450	- 0.2	- 8.4
Nonmanufacturing	18,730	18,480	19,110	+ 1.4	- 2.0
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	88,070	87,300	88,580	+ 0.9	- 0.6
Manufacturing	30,200	29,770	32,410	+ 1.4	- 6.8
Nonmanufacturing	57,870	57,530	56,170	+ 0.6	+ 3.0
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	18,610	17,810	20,480	+ 4.5	- 9.1
Manufacturing	2,740	2,800	2,860	- 2.1	- 4.2
Nonmanufacturing	15,870	15,010	17,620	+ 5.7	- 9.9

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1981	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1981	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1981
Ansonia	$380.70	$374.69	$364.65	42.3	42.1	42.9	$9.00	$8.90	$8.50
Bridgeport	352.00	350.92	339.58	40.6	40.9	42.5	8.67	8.58	7.99
Bristol	360.75	358.36	362.71	39.0	38.7	40.8	9.25	9.26	8.89
Danbury	319.20	322.48	306.59	42.0	42.6	42.7	7.60	7.57	7.18
Danielson	275.56	276.14	256.32	37.8	38.3	38.2	7.29	7.21	6.71
Hartford	359.48	355.29	332.51	40.3	40.1	40.6	8.92	8.86	8.19
Meriden	300.13	296.21	284.90	39.7	39.6	40.7	7.56	7.48	7.00
Middletown	340.86	350.67	329.60	39.0	40.4	40.0	8.74	8.68	8.24
New Britain	342.50	340.98	324.90	40.2	40.4	41.6	8.52	8.44	7.81
New Haven	319.87	319.48	302.04	39.2	39.2	39.9	8.16	8.15	7.57
New London-Norwich	354.48	351.28	329.25	40.1	40.1	40.9	8.84	8.76	8.05
Norwalk	334.59	317.46	328.70	42.3	40.7	44.6	7.91	7.80	7.37
Stamford	315.99	303.34	292.98	40.1	39.6	40.3	7.88	7.66	7.27
Torrington	242.89	227.76	238.80	38.8	36.5	40.0	6.26	6.24	5.97
Waterbury	283.11	284.78	269.93	40.1	40.8	41.4	7.06	6.98	6.52
Willimantic	267.85	242.54	264.02	39.8	36.2	43.0	6.73	6.70	6.14

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1981						
Jan....	1418.4	1433.2	7433	5402	6.7	6.1
Feb....	1414.7	1435.5	4533	5168	6.7	6.1
Mar....	1422.9	1436.0	4055	5344	6.3	6.0
Apr....	1435.5	1434.5	4644	5210	6.1	6.1
May....	1448.7	1437.7	3941	5355	5.7	6.0
Jun....	1457.8	1437.9	5786	6065	6.1	6.0
Jul....	1432.7	1443.7	8374	5379	6.4	6.0
Aug....	1426.4	1441.8	5877	5830	6.2	6.1
Sep....	1441.3	1438.0	3896	6174	5.6	6.2
Oct....	1441.9	1435.3	4729	6564	5.8	6.4
Nov....	1446.0	1433.8	5751	7042	6.0	6.5
Dec....	1447.1	1428.8	10279	6196	6.4	6.6
1982						
Jan....	1417.7	1432.0	8581	6236	7.7	6.5
Feb....	1409.6	1429.6	5890	6716	7.6	6.8
Mar....	1413.9	1426.7	5394	7107	7.1	7.0
Apr....	1417.7	1416.3	6211	6971	6.9	7.3
May....	1425.2	1413.9	6148	8353	6.5	7.3
Jun....	1429.4	1409.7	7493	7855	6.9	6.9
Jul....	1406.4	1417.7	10612	6816	7.1	6.9
Aug....	1395.8	1411.3	6742	6688	6.6	6.6
Sep....	1415.7	1412.9	6314	9774	6.4	6.9
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

	Personal Income Millions (R)	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1981							
Jan....	3277.0	9052	10565	42.1	41.8	119.7	115.1
Feb....	3298.0	7491	9347	41.8	41.9	119.4	115.4
Mar....	3319.7	11387	9435	41.8	41.8	120.3	115.2
Apr....	3325.2	12979	12049	41.5	41.7	119.3	115.7
May....	3340.8	9161	8845	41.6	41.8	119.3	116.1
Jun....	3367.2	9387	8104	41.8	41.9	121.4	117.4
Jul....	3422.4	9219	9015	41.4	41.7	104.0	117.4
Aug....	3447.9	9888	9130	41.3	41.7	104.7	118.7
Sep....	3460.6	8120	9430	41.0	41.2	119.3	117.6
Oct....	3473.4	8742	8419	41.3	41.3	119.0	116.6
Nov....	3488.1	8694	10297	41.4	41.0	118.8	114.5
Dec....	3502.8	8501	8415	41.7	41.0	107.0	112.9
1982							
Jan....	3540.0	6380	7359	40.9	40.6	117.0	112.5
Feb....	3559.9	4919	6080	40.8	40.9	115.0	111.2
Mar....	3578.7	9368	7698	40.9	40.9	115.3	110.4
Apr....	3592.3	5286	5068	40.6	40.8	113.6	110.2
May....	3612.4	8632	7847	40.5	40.7	112.8	109.8
Jun....	3626.7	9845	8728	40.2	40.2	111.3	107.6
Jul....	3666.4	8391	8076	40.0	40.3	93.1	105.1
Aug....	3687.4	11219	10485	40.0	40.4	93.0	105.4
Sep....	3713.4	3754	4469	40.1	40.3	108.2	106.7
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

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A PROFILE OF THE LABOR FORCE IN CONNECTICUT

The following tables summarize annual average labor force data for Connecticut for 1981. The data were taken from unpublished tabulations compiled by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) from the findings of the nationwide Current Population Survey (CPS). The CPS is the regular survey of households from which the national employment and unemployment statistics are derived each month. On an annual basis, the CPS yields estimates of the demographic characteristics of the employed and unemployed for the 50 states, 30 large Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSA's) and 11 large cities. The data are published if they meet the BLS standards of reliability. More detailed summaries than presented here will appear later this year in the annual BLS publication, Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment.

The data shown in the tables opposite reflect a drop of 27,000 in the statewide civilian labor force from 1980 to an average of 1,589,000 in 1981. The largest portion of this reduction took place in employment where an estimated 29,000 jobs were lost during the year. Over the same period, the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years of age and over rose to 2,391,000, up 5,000 from the 1980 annual average. The rise in population and decline in the labor force brought about a decline in the labor force participation rate which is derived from these two figures. Labor force participation dipped by 1.2 percentage points from 1980 to an average 66.5 percent in 1981. During the same time span, unemployment edged up from 95,000 to 98,000.

The annual average unemployment rate increased between 1980 and 1981 from 5.9 to 6.2 percent. Unemployment for the state's male population averaged 5.3 percent in 1981, while the female rate was 7.4 percent during the same period. A far greater contrast was found in a comparison between the white and black average unemployment rate. At 17.7 percent of the labor force, the unemployment rate for black persons was more than three times the rate for white persons. An analysis of occupational distribution in the state shows that white collar workers outnumber blue collar workers almost two to one. Although both categories lost employment in 1981, 30,000 white collar jobs were at least temporarily eliminated while 5,000 blue collar and 6,000 service jobs were displaced.

The largest single occupational category was that of clerical workers which included 20.2 percent of the working labor force. Professional and technical workers, comprising 19.4 percent, were nearly as numerous. Almost 200,000 of the state's 455,000 blue collar workers were employed in the more skilled category of craft and kindred jobs while operatives numbered 160,000.

More women continue to be employed in clerical jobs than in any other occupational category. In 1981, 37.9 percent of working women in Connecticut held clerical jobs. The second largest occupational category employing women was service work where 16.5 percent of the female working population were employed. For men, the largest occupational category was that of craft and kindred occupations, where 21.6 percent of the male working population held jobs followed by professional and technical occupations, employing 20.8 percent and managers and administrators with 16.8 percent.

TABLE I
CONNECTICUT
LABOR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION
16 YEARS AND OVER BY SEX, AGE, AND RACE
1981 ANNUAL AVERAGES
(Numbers in Thousands)

	Civilian Noninstitutional Population (16 years and over)	Civilian Labor Force		Employment	Unemployment	
		Number	Participation Rate	Number	Number	Rate
TOTAL	2,391	1,589	66.5	1,491	98	6.2
Men	1,130	894	79.2	847	47	5.3
Women	1,261	694	55.1	643	51	7.4
Men (20 Years and Over)	1,019	822	80.7	788	34	4.1
Women (20 Years and Over)	1,133	621	54.8	582	39	6.3
Both Sexes (16-19 Years)	239	146	60.9	121	25	17.2
WHITE	2,242	1,485	66.2	1,405	80	5.4
Men	1,064	844	79.3	804	40	4.7
Women	1,177	641	54.4	600	40	6.3
Men (20 Years and Over)	963	776	80.6	748	27	3.5
Women (20 Years and Over)	1,064	573	53.9	541	32	5.5
Both Sexes (16-19 Years)	215	136	63.2	115	21	15.6
BLACK	141	99	70.3	81	18	17.7
Men	62	47	75.7	39	7	15.7
Women	79	52	66.1	42	10	19.6
Men (20 Years and Over)	52	43	82.5	36	7	15.4
Women (20 Years and Over)	65	46	71.5	39	7	15.3
Both Sexes (16-19 Years)	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA

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Items may not add to totals because of rounding.

TABLE II
CONNECTICUT
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT OF THE EXPERIENCED LABOR FORCE
OCCUPATIONAL DISTRIBUTION BY SEX AND RACE
1981 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Number Employed (in 000's)	Number Unemployed (in 000's)	Unemployment Rate	Percent Distribution of the Employed				
				Total	White	Black	Male	Female
TOTAL	1,491	85	5.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White-Collar Workers - Total	858	32	3.5	57.6	58.8	36.0	50.0	67.5
Professional and Technical	289	8	2.8	19.4	19.9	8.3	20.8	17.5
Managers and Administrators	185	3	1.4	12.4	13.0	1.8	16.8	6.8
Sales Workers	84	4	4.7	5.6	5.9	0.6	5.6	5.6
Clerical Workers	301	16	5.2	20.2	20.0	25.3	6.8	37.9
Blue-Collar Workers - Total	455	39	8.0	30.5	29.9	42.5	41.8	15.8
Craft and Kindred Workers	197	11	5.4	13.2	13.4	10.4	21.6	2.2
Operatives	160	19	10.6	10.7	10.2	20.3	9.9	11.9
Transp. Equip. Operatives	43	INA	INA	2.9	2.6	7.0	4.6	0.6
Nonfarm Laborers	56	6	9.9	3.7	3.7	4.8	5.7	1.2
Service Workers	172	13	7.2	11.5	11.0	21.5	7.7	16.5
Farm Workers	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA

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